

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the withdrawal of the previous rejection and for the thorough examination of the present application. This amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over "Tivoli Storage Network Manager" in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030220899 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20040243699. Claim 9 was indicated as allowable if written in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 9, as well as intervening claims 7 and 8. Furthermore, claim 7-9 are cancelled. Thus, the Applicants submit claim 1 is allowable, and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Claim 2-5, 10 and 11 are dependent on and further limit claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed allowable, claims 2-5, 10 and 11 are also believed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain at issue that the Examiner feels could best be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact the attorney below.

No fee is believed due with this Amendment, however, should a fee be required please charge Deposit Account 50-0510. Should any extensions of time be required, please consider this a petition thereof and charge Deposit Account 50-0510 the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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